

Kate Duthie's comment on the Barrytown Minerals Project September 2026.

Coast Road Traffic and Safety

The Coast Road is already under enormous pressure from traffic.

Every day, I see our narrow and often unreliable Coast Road carrying cyclists, milk tankers, freight trucks, commuters, tourists, locals and workers. It is already a challenging road, with little room for error, and in my view it is operating at its limits.

I experience these conditions firsthand every day on my commute from Barrytown to Greymouth for work. I regularly encounter tight corners, narrow and uneven road surfaces, slips, rockfall and flooding along this particularly challenging section of State Highway.

Adding approximately 50 TCM mining truck movements a day to an already heavily used road is concerning to me.

And it is not only the mining trucks that will increase traffic. The proposed 120 TCM mine workers will also need to travel to and from the site each day, creating further vehicle movements on a road that is already busy and difficult to navigate.

I believe the result will be increased congestion, greater pressure on an already vulnerable road network and, most importantly, serious road safety concerns for everyone who uses the Coast Road.

Our Homes and Property

Our property borders the proposed mine site.

I'm concerned about what mining could mean for our home, our property and its future value.

We have invested our life savings, time and energy into our property because we love living here. We chose the Coast Road because of its rural character, natural environment, peace and the strong community of like-minded locals who call this place home.

If mining brings increased heavy vehicle movements, noise, dust, industrial activity and significant changes to the surrounding environment, I am concerned that this could affect the desirability and value of our property.

I believe that our property could become harder to sell or suffer a significant loss in value.

This is not simply a financial concern to me. Our home represents our security, our future and our ability to make choices about where and how we live.

I should not have to accept the possibility that an industrial mining operation could negatively affect the value and future of the home we have worked so hard to create.

Concerns About Radon and Public Health

I have concerns about the potential disturbance and release of naturally occurring radon gas associated with mining activities.

I am not an expert in this area, and that is precisely why I believe this issue requires independent and comprehensive investigation before mining proceeds.

I believe our community deserves clear and reliable answers about whether radon is present in the proposed mining area, whether mining activities could increase radon exposure, how this would be monitored, and what safeguards would be put in place to protect mine workers and nearby residents.

I do not believe these potential risks should simply be assumed away.

Where people's homes, health and environment could potentially be affected, I believe the responsibility should lie with the mining proposal to demonstrate that these risks have been properly identified, independently assessed and appropriately managed.

Our Community Matters

The Coast Road is much more than a transport route to me.

It is where I live, work and enjoy the natural environment around me, alongside people who raise families, farm, cycle and walk here. It is my home.

I ask that the full and long-term impacts of the proposed mining operation be properly and independently considered

I do not believe our community should have to bear the consequences of increased industrial activity without those impacts being fully understood and addressed.

Our homes, our safety, our health, our environment and our community matter.

I ask that these concerns are taken seriously and that no decision is made without a thorough, independent assessment of the long-term consequences of mining on the Coast Road and the people who live here.

Yours Sincerely

Kate Duthie